AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first element adapted to be coupled with a second element, the first element comprising a structured surface and the second element comprising a second surface, wherein the second surface comprises a receiving surface and wherein the structured surface comprises a plurality of depressions.

- 2. (canceled).
- 3. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim $\underline{1}$ 2, wherein the receiving surface is substantially uniform.
- 4. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1 2, wherein the structured surface is adapted to be coupled with the receiving surface.
- 5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the structured surface is engaged with the receiving surface.
- 6. (canceled).

- 7. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim $\underline{1}$ 6, wherein the depressions are substantially hemispherical.
- 8. (canceled).
- 9. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the structured surface <u>further comprises</u> a projection.
- 10. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein a viscous fluid is disposed on the structured first surface.
- 11. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

a first element adapted to be coupled with a second element, the first element comprising a first surface; and

means for damping, the damping means disposed on the first surface of the first element wherein the second element comprises a receiving surface and wherein the damping means comprises a plurality of depressions disposed in the first surface.

- 12. (canceled).
- 13. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim <u>11 12</u>, wherein the first surface is adapted to be coupled with the receiving surface.

- 14. (original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the first surface is disposed adjacent to the receiving surface.
- 15. (canceled).

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- 16. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim <u>11</u> 15, wherein the depressions are substantially hemispherical.
- wherein said method comprises:
 adapting a first element to be coupled with a second element, the first element
 comprising a structured surface and the second element comprising a second surface, the
 second surface comprising a receiving surface and the structured surface comprising a

(new) A method of damping vibrations in a first element and a second element,

- 18. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the depressions are substantially hemispherical.
- 19. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the first surface is disposed adjacent to the receiving surface.

- 20. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the first surface is adapted to be coupled with the receiving surface.
- 21. (new) The method of claim 17, further comprising disposing a viscous liquid on the structured surface.
- 22. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the structured surface further comprises a projection.
- 23. (new) The method of claim 17, wherein the structured surface is engaged with the receiving surface.